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By the grace of God, King of Great Britaine, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Most gracious Souereigne,

Hat which I have bere in a few dayes written for the Defence of my Father, I acknowledge to have proceeded from your Maiesty, as the first Author of it; who beeing so highly offended at the injury which Gasaubon's name A 2 recei-

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received, that by your Royall authoritie the deceitfull plotters of it were duely punished, I thought it would be some reproach to mee, if a Sonne should conferre nothing to the pious vindicating of bis Father. And yet it is not so much the defence of him, that I have bere undertaken, as the vindicating of the Truth it felfe, which your Maiefly bath so much disdained, though in a good cause, to baue beene soill bandled by a furious and inconfide rate priter. Our Adversaries shall be more indifferent to you bereafter, if your Royall Maiestie be offended with the forgeries which they bring to maintaine a bad cause, when You are so much offended with the falshoods that are brought against

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against them by others, that would otherwise seeme to baue undertaken the defence of a good cause. And though such may please themselves with their owne fancies, whom any thing wil please that maketh for the opholding of such a Religion as they professe; yet it mas most proper for your Sacred Maiestie (whose Learning and Loue of purer Religion are of equal eminencie) both to deted, and to shew your Royall indignatio against these Impostors, that were cloaked over with so faire an appearance. Surely bappy is our Cause, that bath such a Defender! For who can now doubt of the Truth of that doarine, which must baue nothing to defend it, but the Armes of Truth it selfe? Where-S Meate Chikavaga.

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fore I present onto your Maiestie, wich all bumility, that which I have bere written for the Truth, not oneby because You were so graciously pleased to accept it before it came to publike view, but chiefly that I might oppose the Authoritie both of Your Sacred Power and exquipte indgement against those Impostors, that durst presume to offer a falseintituled Pamphlet to the patronage of our most Noble and Gracious Prince. God long preserue your Maiesty, the greatest of Kings, to flourish with all kind of happines, for these your Kingdomes, and bis Churches benefit.

> Your Maiestiesmost humble Seruant and Subject,

> > MERIC CASAVBON.

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PRINCE OF WALES, &c.

May it please your Highnesse,

Hane endeanoured, as my duety was, to free my Father from that suspicion of impictie and ignorance, which the late Books, falsly attributed conto

bim, had well-neere brought him into. And I doubt not, but by this meanes I bave obtained so much of all men, as bereafter not to doubt, but that Casaubon hath beene much abused, to have such a preposterous birth sathered open him. Yet to little purpose were all that I could say or doe, if in the meane time this masked Pamphlet should passethrough all mens hands conder your Highnesse Authoritie; such being the impudence of this Impostor, that hee durst venture to inscribe it to your Highnesse Patro-

Patronage, the better to deceive the world. But fince without all question your Highnesse is for farre from patronizing such kinde of men, that You detest as well their fraudulent dealings, as the impietie of the Booke it selfe; I presumed of Your Gracious acceptance, if I should present onto You this Defence of my Father against them; that such Impostors may know, born vainely they bane fought for patronage of their forgeries from Your Highnesse Authoritie, which they shall perceine You have bestowed ropon the Defence of the Trueth. God grant Onto Your Highnesse, as to the most glorious of all Princes, a life of many and many yeeres, with his perpetual and fanourable affistance of You in all things.

Your Highnesse most humbly denoted,

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of Is. CASAVBON;

Against those Impostors, that lately published an impious and vnlearned Booke, intituled, The Originall of Idolatries, &c. vnder his name.



Nto how great and various iniuries the names of well-deseruing men are subject after their death, I would it had

been my hap to have learned any other where, then to have had such neere experience of it at home. I was in good hope my care had been at an end, in answering their sundrie calumnies, that being of a contrary part, set vpon my Fathers name like open enemies; yet these,

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inasmuch as they professed themselves his adversaries, and were cleane opposite against him in the case it selfe, seemed to bee the lessed angerous, and not so much to be feared. But now I must have to doe with other manner of men, that pretending nothing lesse then any malice or hatred against him, have vnder faire shews of good-will, most grossely abused his estimation & credit. But the lesses supposed in the session of an iniury, the greater is the iniury done to a man, and the more hainously to be accounted of.

Not many weekes since there was a Booke published under the name of Isaac Casaubon: Which for the Argument was not altogether unlike those workes of his, that he had partly published already, and partly undertaken to write, as I shall shew hereafter. And for the place; who would imagine that any thing should come foorth in Print at London to Casaubon's disgrace; where, as long as he lived, hee was so much esteemed of by his Maiestie, and the chiefest of the land;

and now hee is dead, I hope I may fay his memory is precious to all honest men? And besides, for him that procured the booke to be fet foorth, hee is fo profuse in his praise, that a man would thinke hee meant him no small addition of glory by his large commendations. But if you once reade the booke it selfe, you shall soone see it is such kinde of stuffe, as cannot bee imagined to haue been my Fathers, without his great shame and infamie, being a Pamphlet full of fuch groffe ignorance, malignity, and most insolent desire of nouitie in Religion. Surely the Author of it deserues the name of a Schismatike, (that I may fay no worse) and whosoeuer hee was, is worthy to bee punished for such a one, as being no leffer enemy to the Church of England, then hee is iniurious to my Fathers good name.

But that the Reader may wonder the lesse atit, it is no new thing for bookes of nouell and vnsound doctrine to bee fathered vpon such men that be free from

error, and found in their opinions. Euery one of the worst and vilest Heretikes were wont to vie this craft long agoe, to maske vnder other mens names of esteem and authority, that so they might the better infinuate their pernicious do-Arines into them that little vnderstood what they were, and seduce the simpler fort of people from the right way. And thereupon it came, that so many bookes fraught with pestilent doctrine were attributed of old, to the holy and orthodox Fathers, and at this day goe a great number of them vnder their names; many whereof at the first perhaps might be their owne, but afterwards came to bee fo corrupted and adulterated by other mens impurities, that like bastards their owne reputed parents would not acknowledge them. Of which thing euen Origenalone may bee a sufficient example; who was long fince numbred among the Arch-heretikes themselues, and yet both by ancient and moderne writers is most strongly defended to hauc

haue been an Orthodoxe Father, many things being falsely imputed vnto him by Heretikes, and his Bookes otherwise pure and sound, by them corrupted and plaistered ouer with their owne dawbings; as S. Ierome and Vincentius Lirinensis with others haue written of his old Apologists. But, to be short, whether wee exemplifie this kinde of imposture by old or new times, I dare say, that there was neuer any bastard-booke fathered vpon a man with more notable impudence and fraud, then this was vpon Casaubon.

What purpose they had that were the contriuers of such cousenage, and what should chiefly mooue them to doe so vnworthy an act, many probable coniectures may be made. It is not vnlikely that some sculking crasty Puritan came stealing out with it, to trie if hee could doe the Church of England a mischiefe. Peraduenture one that bare some private grudge against my Father, thought this way to wound his reputation.

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tion. Or rather it is most likely that some vuletter'd fellow, some sharking companion, lighting upon an old motheaten Pamphlet, which hee thought to be some great treasure, and hard to be come by; and agreeing with a Sordid Bookeseller to get it reprinted; thought it best to put some mans name of note before it, that so their gaines, which they gaped for, might come in the faster by the sale. And this last (howsoeuer the other two coniectures goe, for there may be more in it then this alone) they that haue had to doe, and enquire into the matter, haue found to bee most certaine and true.

In the meane, who would not lament to see what a miserable case we are now adayes brought vnto, when such base fellowes as these, that neuer had any thing to doe with learning, nor honestie neither, shall take vpon them to judge what Bookes may benefite the people, and deserue to bee published? Vnhappy Theologie! which must be made

made a refuge for Runagates; and, whether shee will or no, be forced to patronize the base service of such dishonest Mountebankes, that doe so shamefully prostitute her to their gaine and filthie lucre. The fault whereof, it is a griefe to fee, how in a maner it comes from the very people themselues, who having once got it by the end, that there is no fmal religion in making long discourses, and in oftentation of much reading, gape after such nouell Pamphlets as fast as euer the Athenians did after newes. And sono marueile if wee haue euery day fuch dry kickses & abortiue broods fent vs into the world, when there are fo many to buy them vp, as children doe babies and toyes. But to make it no wonder, that these Impostors were in fuch hope to cousen and deceive the vnskilfull multitude at ease; is it not beyond all the degrees of impudence, that they should goe about to make Them Patrons and witnesses of their fraud, whom they should much rather haue feared

feared to be the Reuengers & iust Punishers of it? Lord! what a licentious age doe wee liue in! that such a lurking obscure fellow (for hee is famous and knowen for nothing but villany) should dare to inscribe his Booke, which hee knew to be but forg'd and counterfeit, to our most Nobleand Pious Prince, besides many other great Lords, and all in hope of reward and gaine! But to let passe this iuggling knaue, that sets ys foorth his wares and toyes with such a vaunting kind of language, and to come ynto the Booke it selfe.

Certainly I suppose there is no learned man, specially to whom Casaubon or his Writings were not altogether vnknowen, that can bee so sencelesse or grosse, but upon the first reading of this Booke, hee will presently both perceive and detest the fraud of these cheating companions. And therefore had the Booke come into their hands onely that were able to judge of such matters, and to discerne trueth fro falshood, I might have haue faued all this labour. But inasmuch as the Booke came forth in English, and was snatched up so fast by the unlearned multitude, and is now by their rash iudgement so much commended and approoued; I haue heere briefly undertaken the examination thereof, both to rectifie the ignorant, and to vindicate my Father from suspicion of impictic; that so at last the vizard being pulled off the Pamphlet, it may appeare to all, as it is, in its owne naturall likenesse.

And first I must seriously confesse, that for the original Author of the Booke. I neither know him, nor ever heard the least rumour of him, what hee was, arer an albus, French or English, or whether he be yet aboue ground or no; lest haply some might suspect, that I vented any private malice of mine owne, while in defending of my Father, I seeme to write something sharpely against one whom I know not.

For his Religion, I thinke it will fatiffie a great many, and be enough for his commen-

commendation too, to fay, hee was no Papilt, but rather a fierce enemy to them all. Indeed this may be enough for them, that thinke a man presently right and orthodoxe enough, if hee doeth but once professe himselfe an Aduersarie to Poperie; it being their custome to measure the integritie and foundnesse of a mans Religion by his harred against Papists onely. And it is to bee feared, lest that the Booke, being written against the Sacrifice of the Masse, as the Title of it pretends, because I neither approoue the Booke, noracknowledge it to be my Fathers, both Father and Sonne, as men taken napping, be by some Puritans reputed for errant Papists. But howsocuer it were a fault, to give any occasion of fcandall vnto the weakest members in the Church, yet the love of trueth must more preuaile with me to vndertake her defence, then the pravitie of other mens iudgements to deterre me from it. In my opinion he defined vertue well, that faid it was the meane betweene two ex-

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treme vices, which is not onely true in Moralland Practicall, but in some Inrellectuall vertues also, of which kinde the right apprehension of Trueth is. And therefore it is no marueile, if they, which take that way in matters of Religion, doe oppose themselves against two extremes, and have two extremes opposed against them. Yet hee that keepes this middle course, howsoeuer he may perhaps differ in opinion from either fide, yet in charitie he may be vnited vnto both. And for no other cause is hee more maligned by the hot-spurres on either part, then for seeking to procure peace and concord betwixt them, and for doing his best endeauour to make vp the great schisme and rent of the Church, that againe wee might come to be all one body. Which mifery an olde Father was wont long agoe to lament in these words, that may be very well applied to our times. on (fayth Nazianz. Nazianzen after hee had done speaking Orar.3. of mens maintaining their fides and faetions) silvation is plan to departure when seems, to comcontent, to it is to the since of the it.

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is, Who focuer keepe a middle course, and follow after peace, are ill ofed on both sides,
being either contemned, or siercely opposed;

of which number we being, &c.

For the Papilts, I have nothing to fay to them now. But I have heere to doe with fuch kind of men, who striuing to runne as farre from Papilts as they can, haue also vnaduisedly runne withall beyond the bounds of Truth. Thefe are the Men, that with incredible pride and arrogancy despite all Antiquity; that most fuperciliously contemne the ancient and holy Fathers, that studie all they can how to abrogate and abandon all the ancient Constitutions of the Church; and in the meane while, that arrogate to themselves a power of making what Lawes they lift, of appointing Ceremonies at their pleasure, and of bringing in fuch a discipline, which the Christians of olde neuer heard of, as if they had beene created the only perpetuall Dictators and Governours of the Church of Christ And though they have no regard at all of any publique tranquillities refuling to give way but to the leaft thing that may make for the peace and vnitic of Christians, yet neuertheles they would faine beare vp their credit, and for a colour of their bad intents, make vs believe they are wondrous zealous men. Of which fort of men that he was one, who focuer was the Author of this Booke, which these Impostors have published under If. Cafaubons name, and that he was no meane one neither, buta chiefe champion among them, I thinke no body will make question, that will but runne ouer the booke, and of those infinite places which prooue the fame most plainely, will but a little more narrowly marke a few. There being I suppole scarce any writing extant in this kind, which doeth more clearely and euidently argue, what an infolent, peruerle, and rash Author it had. A man would verely thinke that hee was one,

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who had proclaimed open warre and defiance to all Antiquitie, or one that being starke-staring mad with noueltie and fury, would abandon all the ancient Customes and Constitutions of our Forefathers.

The Booke indeed by the Title is pretended to be written against Papists, but in effect it prooues as aduerse to the Primitiue, as to the Popish Church. And whereas the Church of England, cutting off such corruptions as crept in vpon her in declining ages, hath retained many of the Sacred Rites and Ceremonies which the ancient Church had, yet she is also cunningly stricken at through the Papists sides, with so much the more danger, by how much the more craft and close subtilitie it is done.

Therefore let this be the first Argument of all the rest, to prooue, that Ca-saubon neither was, nor could be the Author of this Booke. For who was it that ever reverenced the gray haires of Antiquitie more then hee? Who ever, with-

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out injuring the holy Scriptures, efteemed more highly of the ancient Fathers? And for the Church of England, what should I neede to speake of in whose Doctrine and Discipline, Rites and Ceremonies heedid fo much approoue and embrace, that hee could never feeme to himselfe to have commended and magnified it enough. Though there were none of his workes and writings left behind him, out of which it might be gathered and demonstrated what his mind was herein, yet there be many graue and religious men still living, whom I could call to witnesse, how often they have heard him professe and declare at large, that he was thus affected. But there will be no neede of that, feeing his owne Bookes are every where extant to confirme it. For how foeuer hee had never any occasion offered him purposely and ex professo to handle this Argument, yet feeing all his Workes that belong to matters Ecclefiasticall and Diuine, have nothing in them, not onely contrary, or aucrie

auerse from the vse and customes of this Church, but what is altogether agreeable to the Canons and Constitutions of the same, and which, as occasion is offered, doe cuer and anon defend them; the intelligent Reader will easily perceiue, how willingly hee submitted himselfe vnto the Formethereof, & rested whol-

ly content with it.

And for this purpose there are not wanting most certaine proofes and testimonies occurring in many places of his writings, which will be enough to stop vp the mouthes of the most impudent gain-fayers. As when in his Preface to his Ecclesiasticall Exercitations. written to his Sacred Maiestie, he faith, Qui Ecclesiam habeas in tuis Regnis, partim iam olim ità institutam, partim magnis tuis laboribus ità instauratam, ve ad floretis quondam Ecclefia formam nulla hodiè propius accedat, quam tua, inter vel excess, vel defe-Etu peccantes mediam viam Jecuta. Quâ moderatione boc primum affecuta est Ecclefia. Anglicana, vot illi ipfi qui suam ei fælicitatem

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inuident, sape tamen ex aliarum comparatione illam cogantur laudare : deinde &c.that is, Who have in your Dominions a Church fo eftablished by former ages, and so settled by your Maiesties Royal paines and care, as no Church this day under beauen comes neerer to the flourishing estate and face of the Ancient then yours, which bath taken the middle way betweene them that went astray on both handes by excesse or defect. By which moderation the Church of ENGLAND bath got this special advantage, that even such as enuy ber bappinesse, are neuerthelesse oftentimes constrained to magnifie her in comparison of others. Besides &c. Whereunto these words agree in his Epistle to Cardinall Perron, written, though in his Maiesties name, yet according to his owne fence and meaning; Certo, clare ac liquidò fibi constare, fi nota imim quarantur, & verènecossaria ad salutem spectentur, aut etiam ad decorum Ecclesia, nullam in orbe terrarum (Deo vni fit lans & gloria) inuentum iri qua propius ad fidem, aut speciem antiqua Catholice accedat Gc. That it was most SETEMBER STOR plaine

plaine and manifest conto bim, both for matters effentiall, and truly necessary to faluation, or belonging also to the beauty and decency of the Church, there was (God be thanked) none in all the world to be found, which came neever to the faith and face of the ancient Catholike Church esc.

It wil not be amisse here to set downe his judgement about some certain Rites and Ceremonies, which as occasion ferued, he wrote and inferted into his Ephemerides; from whence what hee thought of all others in that kinde, may be cally constrained tour

conjectured.

Octob. 3 1. An. 1610. Diem focram non male posui Dei beneficio: sum enim inuitatus bodie, vet interessem sacris, qua facta funt ad confecrandos Episcopos duos Scotos, & Archiepiscopum Scotia. Vidi illos Ritus, & Impositionem manuum, & Preces in eam rem. O Deus, quanta fuit mea voluptas! Tu Domine lefu ferua banc Ecclefiam , & Catharis, qui ista rident, da bonam mentem. God be thanked, I bane front this Holy day well. For I was this day inuited to be present at the facred Solemnities chaine

folemnities of the Confecration of the ArchbiJhop, and two other Bifbops of Scotland. I
Jaw the Ceremonies, the Imposition of hands,
and the Prayers made for that purpose. O
God, what a pleasure it was to me, to behold it!
Preserve thou this Church, O Lord Iesu, and
turne the hearts of the Puritans, that deride
such things as these.

Ian.4. An. 1611. Gratias tibi, Domine, quod bodie ad sacram mensam sum admissus, & Corporis Christi, sanguinisa factus sum particeps in Ecclesia Anglicana, cuius Formulam heri diligenter meditatus admodum probani, & ordinem agendi mire laudaui pra recepta apud alios consuetudine. Thankes bee to thee, O Lord, that I was this day admitted unto thy Holy Table, and made partaker of the Body and Blood of (brist in the Church of England, the Forme of which Administration, having read it over yesterday, I did highly approous and commend above that custome which others vse.

And not onely these things which concerne the Church of England but those also wherein hee had to doe with

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our Aduersaries alone doe sufficiently argue for his defence. Euen by his whole manner and genius of writing euery body may knowe that the booke is none of his. For who cannot tell, with what great moderation and mildnesse Casaubon was ever wont to treat of Controversies in Religion? infomuch that many preposterous Puritanes, out of their ignorant and mad zeale, did blame him for it, and from thence tooke occasion to fuspect him more then they had reason to doe. But this was the way that hee tooke; and hee perswaded himselfe it was the best and safest way that could bee taken, both for the finding out of tructle, and the redresse of error; to follow that path which meeknesse and moderation either led him, or went along with him in, without all affection or partiality either way; supposing that such as tooke any other course, did put pace in a dangerous and slippery path, and put others further out of their way that were gone aftray one from another. Now

Now if a man should run through the whole rout of Nouellers, and diligently make inquiry into their writings, I think there could not one bee found for furie. and malice, and butternesse against his Aduerfaries, to bee compared with this Counterfeit-Casaubon; then whom never was any man more childifully and fondly in love with his owne fancie or more bent to his faction. It is but a small marter, that he hath rail'd a little more bitterly then became a modest man against fuch things as were worthy of blame; but so infinitely to bely his Adversaries. and to put such forged crimes and calumnies vpon them, was vnfufferable, specially in such an undertaker for the Trueth of Christ. Such manner of dealing with Aduerfaries, though it may be pleating to some hotte fiery Zelotes, whom learning neuer taught any modelty, yet wifer men cannot but condemne it, as being fitter to spoyle, then to helpe or defend a good cause. For if there bee strict Lawes prouided against fuch

fuch colluding pleaders, that pretending to helpe a man, do of purpose leave out that which should most make for his cause, and bring nothing but false allegations for his defence, fo to betray his right to his Aduerlaries; what is to bee done with fuch undertakers of Controuersies in Religion, that either of purposey or through grosse ignorance ler passe those Arguments that be folid, and of greatest moment, and come in with fuch idle poore reasons, as every childe may answer and blow away? Ought not the same Law (when the case is the same) to be made against these men, as betrayers of an honest and good cause? What readier way then theirs can be imagined wholly to alienate our Aduersaries mindes from vs , that being ouercome with the truth on our parts, began fomewhat to incline vnto vs? Caius Fabritius is highly commended vnto vs by the writers of old times, for his vertue and magnanimity, in fcorning to accept of that victory in a doubtfull battell, which was offered him by the perfidie of a trecherous fellow. And is it not a shame now adayes, that Christians contending with Christians about the Trueth of Faith, should vse lesse faith and conscience one towards another, then the Pagans themselues were wont to doe, who regarded nothing but their owne wordly praise and honour?

Can there then be any body so iniurious to Casaubon, or so quite bereaued
of his owne judgement, as to thinke
these things, that smell only of a surious
Sycophant, and a most impudent Calumniator, could come from him? Fro
him, I say, Whose mildnesse and moderation in matters of Religion is so euident in all his writings, that to take any
paines to prooue it, were but to waste
time, and to light a candle in the Sunne.

And how focuer it besits not the modestic of a sonne to contend about the learning of his Father, yet I hope I may haue leave, without the breach of good manners, to say that hee was no meere

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Blocke, or fuch a one as had no good learning at all in him; which, let but be once granted mee, and I doubt not of the good successe I shall have, in vindicating his name and estimation from these Hucksters handes, that put this booke vpon him. A booke which is fo full of excessive ignorance and stupiditie, that whereas every thing in it (except a few scraps taken from others) argue a most vnlearned writer; there are many things besides, which I wonder how they could come from a man that was found in his fenfes : if yet he is to be thought found in his fenfes, whom this pestilent madde puritanisme hath once possessed.

But I suppose the Reader expects, that for the better confirmation of what we say, we should produce some Examples out of the Booke it selfe, concerning these things, wherewith we have all this while charged the Author of it. It remaines therefore, that we briefly runne the Booke ouer, rather pointing at the

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places, then undertaking any refutation of them.

IN the first part of his Booke heerec- Pag 2,3,80. kons vp all luch things, which either happened by occasion, or were directly ordained by God in the olde Law, hauing some mysticall or typicall signisication in them; as the Trees of Life and Death, of Knowledge of Good & Euill; the Rainebow; the Feast of vnleauened Bread; the cloudie Pillar that went before the Israelites in the day; the flame of Fire that guided them in the night; the division of the Red Sea; the heavenly Manna; the water that gushed out of the Rocke; Oblations and Sacrifices of divers forts; the Temple of Ierusalem; the Priests vestments; the water of clenfing,&c. And all these he will have to bee no lesse truely and properly called Sacraments of the olde Testament, then Circumcifion and the Passeouer were; in place whereof were instituted those two Sacraments of the new Testament. Baptisme, and the Supper of the Lord. I am

I am not ignorant what a large fignification the word Sacrament hath; but neuer (that I could learne) were all these promiscuously accounted, and reckoned vp among the number of Sacraments by the Fathers; and while I weigh this mans words a little better, I finde by most certaine consequence, that his meaning and purpose was, in making all Sacred Signes to be true Sacraments, withall to make vs beleeve, that the Sacraments of the New Testament are nothing else but meere naked Signes and Figures. Neither is there any other meaning to be collected from him in all his passages about the holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. For howsoeuer he would fometimes feeme to be farre of another minde, when hee vieth the words, really and truely; yet he applies them no otherwife to the Sacred Symboles of the Supper, then hee doeth to any of those Shadowes and Figures of the olde Law; acknowledging no power in them of really exhibiting, but of fignifying onely, as pag.36.

pag. 36. or really fignifying, at most, as pag. 81. vpon which ground, that is to fay, that there is no more vertue in the Eucharift, then in those Signes, he thinkes hee hath most learnedly and strongly confuted the new opinion of Transubstantiation, (a conceit otherwise most absurd and grosse,) because forsooth there was no Transubstantiation in the Pag. \$5,86. Tree of knowledge of Good and Euill, none in the Manna, or in the Rocke that flowed with water, or in the brazen Serpent, &c. As if it were not easie to answere our Aduersaries truely out of S. Augustines owne wordes. Prima Sa- S. Ang. concramenta cum suo aduentu Christus imple- tra Fansin. uisset, ablata sunt; & alia sunt instituta, ub.19.0.13. virtute maiora, vilitate meliora, actu faciliora, numero pauciora. The Sacraments of the olde Law being accomplished by the comming of Christ, are taken away; and others ordained in their place, which be greater in power and efficacie, better for our profit, easier for performance, and fewer in number.

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But to make an end with him in this point: His onely doctrine is, That by faith wee doe really participate of the bodie and blood of Christ, and be made one with him; and that the fignes and symboles of this our conjunction and tellowship are in the Eucharist: whereas wee doe not call them Signes onely, but beleeue them further to be the very Instruments and Meanes of our Communion with Christ, which is the same that the Primitiue Church teacheth, the do-Etrine of the Church of England, and the Beliefe of Is. Cafaubon, as may be seene in his + Exercitations, and his | Epifle to Card. Perron. For them that have fuch base and abiect thoughts of this dinine Sacrament, it is no maruell if they can finde nothing to wonder at in it, as this Scribler elsewhere doth grant, and some do much more impudently affirme; but the godly Fathers, being wont to call it tremenda Mysterium, a Mystery ful of hortor and dread, would not have vs once to thinke vpon so great a matter without a holy and facred feare. In

†Exerc. 16.

In his third Chapter, going about to Pag. 10.11, fhew, how from time to time, the Signes & Sacrifices of the old Law were depraued, and subject to corruption, without any judgement, or discretion at all, hee reckons vsvp a number of fins and offences, of a farre different nature; which neuerthelesse he will needs have properly to belong vnto the Sacraments; as the Loathing of Manna, and the Peoples murmurring that followed; the sinne of Achan; the impiety of the sonnes of Heli; the rash attempt of Uzzah, and others the like; among which lepbte's vow, and Gedeon's garment are numbred for corruptions of Sacraments. And hither hee referres that of 2. Kings 17.17. Pag. 15. Where the Israelites made their children to passe through the fire, which this fellow calls Purgatorie Fire, and faith, that from it was derived the opinion of the Alcoranists and Mahumetans at this day for Purgatory: meaning by his Alcoranists, the Papilts of our times. For so hee calls them else-where, them and their Ritualls

Pag.63.65. 66.70,&c. alls, Durand's Alcoran, Titelman's Alcoran, &c.

In his Seuenth Chapter, hee cites vs his Ecclesiasticall Commentaries, and Pag. 50. hee fends vs vnto them againe. Tis very well. Still haue weethe aduantage, & euery where matter enough to detect the fraud of these Impostors. For whose soeuer these same Commentaries be, fure I am, they bee none of Ca-Saubon's. Hee neuer published, neuer wrote any Ecclefiastical Commentaries. But I am afraid lest these Commentaries and those of Elasopolitanus, bee twinnes, out of which the Author of this booke himselfe confesseth, he had every thing to make vs vp this Pamphlet, fuch as it is. What these Commentaries of Elasopolitan are, I thinke no body yet euer knew, or is like to know, being at least so vnknowne and vnheard of, as the very name of the man feemed strange and monstrous to all learned mens eares that I could meete withall.

In the same Chapter, among the superstitious

In his Epistle to the Reader.

perstitious Ceremonies of Baptisme heretofore brought into the Church, he Pagaz, 28. numbreth vp Chrisme, Exsufflation, and Exorcifmes, which though they were not vndeseruedly taken away by the Church of England, when they began to beeabused vnto ridiculous superstition; yet inasmuch as they be knowne to have been of very great Antiquity, it was not the part of a modest man to raile vpon them for abominable things, specially as they were vsed in the Primitive Church, Certainely the old godly Fathers, S. Cyrill, S. Bafil, S. Ambrose, S. Augustine and others (alittle better Doctors of Religion and Piety, I trow, then our new vpstart Zelotes) would neuer haue admitted or allowed them, if, as this man affirmes, they had been first invented to adulterate the true vse and prime Institution of Baptisme. And for Casaubon it is not likely that hee would ever have given any such censure of these Ceremonies against the manner and custome of the ancient Fathers, whom how much he reuerenced. hee

hee hath elsewhere made knowne in

matters of greater moment.

But weemust not here let passe this one most notorious example of the sencelesse stupidity and malignitie both of this lewd and idle writer. Wherefore O you Missalians (saith the man) baue you foisted in oyles into the boly Sacrament of Baptisme, imitating berein the herefie of Marcus and Marcolus, who commanded that Infants to bee baptized should bee anointed? In his Margin hee fends vs to Epiphanius. Majass & nit it of Wagundows reality on There was one Marcus (faith Epiphanius) of whom the Marcolians were so called. Now who would not wonder what a monftrous blinde bayard this fellow is, to make vs proper names of denominatives? as if a man should say, there were two certaine famous Heretikes called Arrius and Arrianus. But what is the madnesse of the Marcofians to the ancient custome of the Orthodoxe Fathers? The Marcofian Heretikes vsed not sheir oyle for an indifferent Ceremony in Baptisme, but made the

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to depend upon it, informed, that some of them never baptized their yong beginners, if they were once anointed after their owne fashion with oyle. They are their owne fashion with oyle. They are their owne fashion with oyle. They are their owne of them thinke Baptisme superfluous.

A little after hee doth malapertly in- Pag.29. ueigh against the ancient Bishops, as if they had permitted women to baptize: which is a meere falle rale. Tertul de vel. virg. Nonpermittstur mulieri in Ecclefià loqui, sednec docere, nec tingere, &c. It is not permitted to a woman for to speake in the Church, or to teach, or to Baptize, &c. In a case of extreme necessitie the very same Father faith, that Laymen might doe it, Wherupon the Church of England, howfocuer it alloweth not women or Laymen to baptize, yet the latt being once done, when necessity so requireth, it doth nor beleeve it to be void, or to have he account that of it. In the meane while, what a wicked and vngracious

companion is this same Pfeudo-Casanbon of ours, so impudently to bespot the integrity of the ancient Church, with the foule imitation of the Montanists, Marcionists, Cataphrigians, and such other rabble of Heretikes, who permitted their women, and they their whores too,

to doe any thing what socuer?

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Then in his Eighth Chapter, as if hee had all this while thought himselfe too modest, he begins with open face, as they say, and a tongue past all shame to flie vpon the venerable face of Antiquity. And first of all, see how brauely he gives the onset. Wherefore when errors came in and prevailed even in the Apostles times, Let no man bereafter thinke it strange, that the Apostles Successors fro time to time adulterated the true vee, and rites of the holy Sacraments. As if it were all one, that there were some Heretikes in the Apostles times, and that the Apostles Successors were Heretikes themselues. No body will deny but that there have beene Herefies from the beginning of the Church, or at least have fprung

fprung vp not long after: But if the heads of the Church, immediatly succesding the Apostles were tainted, what hope is there, that the rest of the body, specially in after ages may bee sound? Wherefore that which hee repeates by Paggs. and by againe, we will not care to grant him, that there were from the beginning of the Church many and infinite corruptions crept in , but, by his leaue, none of them were received by the Church, or approoued by the godly Bishops, and found members of the same. It is the open profession of the Church of England, that shee doth wholly affent, and firmely adhere to the doctrine of the first foure hundred yeeres, and more. That which the holy Fathers of those times deliuered, and taught with common consent, shee willingly imbraceth That which they did not teach, shee forbids to be now taught vnto the people, as necessary for them to beleeue; which is apparant by that goldé Canon ofhers (as Cafaubon was wont to call it)

made in a Synode Anno 1571. and fet forth together with the Articles of Religion, and confirmed by subscription of all: whereby all Preachers and Pastours are bound, That they should never teach any thing, as matter of Faith religiously to be ob-Serued, but that which is agreeable to the do-Etrine of the Olde and New Testament, and is collected out of the same doctrine by the Ancient Fathers, and Catholike Bishops of the Church.

But a Gods name, what are these so

In the Chapter of Prea. chers.

great corruptions of the Primitiue Church, which this same swinger of Antiquitie hath made fuch a stirre withall? Next and immediatly (so hee sayes) after the Apostles times there was a contention 4bout a certaine Compromission of dayes, when this holy Sacrament was to be celebrated, and then they began to make Holy-dayes, and appoint dayes of fasting, &c. That there were any dayes appointed for the celebration of the Eucharist in the Primitine Church, or that there arose any contention among the Bishops about it, I thinke

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thinke is this idle mans fancie onely, and that no sufficient testimonie can be brought to prooue it. For the innocencie and puritie of these first ages was fuch, that as the ancient Fathers and other writers doe witnesse, not onely any day, but every day was appropriated to this Sacred Celebration; the Christians then for the most part neuer missing a day, but they did communicate. A long while after, when deuotion began to waxecold, there grew a necessitie of making Lawes, to meet with the peoples contempt of fo great a bleffing. Then were times appointed, chiefly to tiethose that were so negligent and auerse of themselves. But this dull Asse, living perhaps among fuch as thought it religion enough to communicate once a yeere, whatfocuer he had read about the Feaft of Easter, which was a long time variously observed, hee applied most fondly vnto the time of receiving the Lords Supper, as if that had beene the onely appointed day for the celebration

of that Sacrament. But (so hee goeth on) the Apostles less rosthing in Driting

about Fasting, and Feast dayes. But so would Cafaubon neuer haue written in a matter not meerely belonging to Faith, who hath often admired and approoued of that Rule which S. Augustine giueth vs. Quod vniuersa tenet Ecclesia, nec Concilis institutum, sed semper retentum est, non nifi Apostolicà authoritate traditum rectissime creditur. That which the oniver fall Church holdeth; which is not defined by Councels, but hath beene alwayes retained and veed, we doe rightly believe to be a Tradition of Apostoli. call authoritie. And for the observation of the Hebdomada fancta, that Great and Holy weeke before Easter, hee freely professeth his mind in his Exercitations. Ego sanctissimam illam consuetudinem iam inde ab Apostolorum temporibus initia habu-

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times, or not long after, this most holy Custome had its beginning. In the same Chapter, hee tells vs that

isse, aut non multò post facilè crediderim. I doc easily beleeue, that either in the Apostles

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Pope Alexander the first of that name, who was the fifth from S. Peter, (as Eusebius writes in his Ecclesiasticall History, lib.4.e.1.) and one that was crowned with Martyrdom, as other Authors testific, that this Alexander going about Pag. 33. to reforme the Gospel of Christ, was the first that invented the mingling of water and wine in the Eucharist. Concerning which custome, what the practise of the ancient Church was, and what S. Cyprian, and S. Augustine say of it, they that know any Antiquitie cannot be ignorant.

Againe hee tells vs that from this Cufrome their Abuse sprung vp, who steeped Pag-35the bread of the boly Supper in the blood of
young infants, and so celebrated the Sacrament. What a most detestable wickednes of a man is this, to ioyne the monstrous impietic of lewd miscreants, (that
went for Christians indeede among the
vnskilfull multitude, but were nothing
lesse) & the vniuerfall practise of Christs
Church together! and to ascribe the
wicked-

wickednesse of heretickes, to innocent and harmeleffe men! So the Pagans of olde, what villanie focuer any base fellow, that was but thought to be a Christian, had done, they were wont to lay it upon the true Christians themselves, as the Writers of those elder ages haueso often complained. But fo true is it, that this wicked bloodshed of infants sprang from the Custome of the Churches mingling water with wine, whereof hee makes Alexander to have beene the first Inventer, as that many of better authoritie then hee, fetch the beginning of it from Simon Magus, who was a whole hundred yeeres elder then Alexander. And it was this Alexander also, whom he makes to be the Reviver of Temifb Ceremonies in the Church, and the first Inuenter of conleavened bread to be yied in the Eucharist. A wonder the man should be no more afraid of the Allobrogicall Confiftory, the Tribunall scat at Geneua, where the same bread, according as the olde custome was, is vsed at this day. In

In his ninth Chapter, to make himfelf way for that which was to follow like a wife fore-cafter, her begins so treat of the Religion and Rites of the ancient Romane people which Argument hee handlerh iust like himselfe, hauing no more knowledge in Antiquitie, then what he could get from Blonder and A. lexander, and fuch other late Writers whom he cites every where for antiquitie, as winneffes beyond all exception: yet for this hee is to bee commended, though for nothing elfe, that he doeth fo ingenuously acknowledge his good Benefactors. But how well this kinde of writing agrees with Cafaubon, to depend wholly ypon new Writers, and neglect the olde, let them fay, that are fit judges in these matters. It bus more of

But it made altogether for his purpole, to explicate the Paynim Rites and Ceremonies of the Romans, fro whence hee vndertaketh to deduce the whole Masse, and to contince it of Paganisme. For his vndertaking, let honest and moderate

derate men judge how laudable it is. I know her is not the first, or at least the onely man that hath attempted it , there have beene those that would needes fetch the whole Religion of the Papifts, both in Faith and Ceremonies, from Turks & Pagans. But fure I am, that any fuch thought was very odious to Cafaubon, who was neither to inept to beleeue any fuch thing himselfe, nor so malignant to perswade other men to it. Which I speake not, as if I meant to excuse the many and detestable superstitions of Popery: no fuch matter. But it is one thing, faithfully to reduce errors and corruptions vnto their prime beginnings, which many excellent men haue with great felicitie vndertaken; and another, fhamefully to detort, and bitterly to exaggerate all things, for the bringing of them into hatred; which the Author of this Booke hath most impudently done, aboue all others that ever belaboured themselves in this kind. And seeing the Church of England hath retained many things

2 Pag.73.

things in her publike Liturgie that were before in the Romane Missall, the lone cannot altogether be accused of Pagalnisme, without the opprobrious injury of the other.

But wee faid euen now, and it is too manifest, that this Pamphlet is in most things repugnant to the Church of England. We will briefly point at some of them.

In the eighth Chapter, The keeping of Lene is reckoned up among those ordinances that be contrary to Christs precept. * Temples that beare the names of Saints, a Pagar. are seomed, and taunted ar, as if they were built to the bonour of men, and not to the worship of God. b Praying sowards the b Pag.61. East, and the fituation of Churches that way, are condemned for inuentions of fuperstitious beretickes. The Titles of Fa- e Paggi. ther, and Reverend Father, which we vie to giue vnto Ecclesiasticali persons, are traduced, as being derived from the cuftom of the Gentiles. d Confirmation of children d Pag. 41. is honted at, as the fond device of idle men that irrous

c Pag.46.

thankad hosting eleto doe . 5 Through the Popes fides all distinction of Order in the Church is pulled apieces; and a paritie of Enangelicall Ministers set up, and main-tained as lus Dininum. f The use of a

f Pag. 19.

Surplice in performance of Dinine Services hee deriveth from the idolatrons E-

g Pag.73.

gaptions and againe , those that brought it first into the Church, hed layth plainely were men inspired with the spirit of Numa Pompilius, whom here is cuer and anon

h Pag.40.

calling the Magician, b All the Furniture and Ornaments of the Church; as veffels of filuer, Hangings and Tapifteries

i Pag. 64.

are condemned and corned The vio of Muficke, as well wocall, as instrumentallin the time of Divine Service, hee doeth most reprochfully raile at; & affirmer,

that Numa the Magician, and not the Bilhops of Rome, was the first bringer of

it into Churches & Differ ations for planralities of Benefices are but an old renewed custome of the Romane Idolaters with him, and no Constitution of Christians.

And thefe, with fuch other like mon-

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k Pag.68.

strous absurdities, he is not onely so impudent to affirme, but he will needs betray and thew fuch great ignorance alfo to confirme them with reasons, that a man cannot tell, at what he should wonder most, his ignorance, or his impudence. As for example, first 1 bringing 1 Pag. 67. that which wee alledged last of all concerning Diffensations, and auouching them to have come from the Romans. he faith, Over thefe Benefices the high Pontife bad vosurped a power to give dispensation to whom he would, for the holding of two together, as in I itus Liuius it is related of Fabius Maximus, who by a dispensation helde two Benefices, when hee was created Pontife, more then 200. before the Incarna. tion of lesus (brist. These things to be spoken by a Pagan after the manner of our own times, who would not marueile at? But in Livie there is no fuch matter. Hee speakes not one word of a Dispensation. That Fab. Maximus of whom Liuie here writes, was neuer any Pontife neither, but died when he was young. In-

deed his Father Q. Fab. the elder was faid to have had two Priesthoods, as they call'd them, of two kinds nothing like one another; but not two places, or two preferments in the same kinde of Priesthood Forsooth, the same man was Augur and Pontife too. And not to tell you what Plutarch faith, that the name Augur was no title of Magistracie or dignity, but of Art and knowledge onely , Liuis words are ; Eodem anno Quin. Fabius moritur, &c. Augur in eius tocum inauguratus est Quin. Fabius Max. filius; in eiusdem locum Pontifex 1 (nam duo Sacerdotia habuit,) Ser. Sulpitius Galba: that is, Quin. Fab. died the fame yeere, &c. Intohis roome of Augurship, was Q. Fab. Max. bis sonne consecrated, and Ser. Sulp. Galba (for he had two divers Priesthoods) into his place of Pontife.

But this is nothing to the rest of his absurdities: whereof that wee may give some taste, let vs see a little how he deriueth the Masse from Numa Pompilius.

For the name of the Masse, hee likes

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not of them, that derive it from Daniels my Maozim, and thinkes it may be much better deduced from the Hebrue Meffa, which word, hee faith, wee haue in 4. King. cap. 1 1. fignifying Conculcation. Indeed in the 11. Chap. ver. 6. wee haue non Massab, which the Septuagint tooke for a proper name, and interpreted ward, which the French Translation also following, hath retained the word Mefe in the Text; and yet noted the diuerse interpretation of Irruption and va-Station in the Margin : from whence this Affe tooke his Conculcation. But if the word be taken in that sence of Irruption or Conculcation, as hee speakes, the Root will not be non Majah, but nos Najah: neither will the word Maffah fignifie irruption, but , from irruption, the præposition being joyned with the Noune, as the manner of the Hebrues is.

With the like frenzie doth he derine vs Miffel from Miffeol , which doth not signific Hell, but, out of Hell.

Yet these Erymologies of the Masse, otherwise

otherwise good enough, he thinkes not therefore fit to be admitted, because the Author of the Masse, Numa Pompilius, understood no Hebrew at all : and thereupon he concludeth, that it is a Latine word made by Numa himselfe, who first of all, for footh, appointed, those words, Ite Missaest, tobee proclaimed vnto the people, when their Sacrifices were at an end. Reader, canst thou imagine, that this fellow had either any shame or conscience in him to write such things as these? Heeshould haue produced one of the Ancient Heathen Authors, at least, that had ever yfed the word Missa for a Substantiue, a name viuall in their Sacrifices.

And with as little shame is that written of him, when to prooue that the Turkes doe so much esteem of the Masse, hee deduceth the Arabicke wordes of Mecca, which is a Townes name, and Mesalmanos, which is, Peacemakers, or faithfull and Orthodoxe, and Mesgid, which is as much to say as the place of adoration,

that

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that is, a Temple, being all corruptly called Messa, Meselman, and Messites, all these

from the word Masse.

Such kinde of stuffe it is that he saith, the old Christians borrowed their Title of Pope from the Heathen Idolaters, who were wont to call Iupiter their Pope Iupiter. A maruell S. Cyprian and S. Augustine were not Idoles with him too, whom by S. Ierome that so stilled the latter, and by the Clergic of Rome, that so called the first, we find intituled, most boly Fathers and Popes.

In his next page hee learnes vs from whence the name of Curate. and Curio came, for sooth, and twois, from cutting the baire, which wee ever thought yet had come from Curia, (certaine distributions of the people, answerable to our Wards) which had every one their severall Curiones or Curates, to performe their religious paynim solemnities. In the same place hee dreames how the Priests were called spanetown, from the round shaving or crowning of their heads, whom Dionysius

Halicar. interprets to be the Flamines, and faith they were so called from the fashion of their Bonnets, or the Crownes them-

selues that they vsed to weare.

ibid.

With the like liberty of lying hee affirmes, that the Romans were wont to call that white garment, which they vfed in their Pagan folemnities an Albe; and this most absurd and shamefull fancie of his owne he ascribes to that learned Author Alexander ab Alexandro, in whose worke there is no such matter to bee found. And among other Rituall writers, hebrings vs in Philo the Iew to speake of this Albe of the Papists. For after hee hath done with the mysticall interpretations, that Titleman, and Gabr. Biel giue of it, he addeth, That Philo in his booke of Dreames, subtilly deviseth, boso the Albe fignifies the most resplendent light of the Deity, which hee calls Ens. Philo allegorizing, as his vie is, vpon those words of Genefis, Chap. 3 1. Ver. 12. Arabrajos rik induntais

हर, में कि कोड हिंदानाड, में कार्यर स्थापेड संबद्धित कार्य की को कार्यक्रिक, में कार्य स्थाप केर्याण्याहर, में कार्याव्याहर में कार्यव्याहर संवत्ताहर कि कार्य thine

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thine eyes, and behold the hee Goates, and the Rammes leaping opon the sbee-goats, and the Expes, white, and parti-coloured, and spread here and there with ash-coloured spots, (as the Septuagint translated it;) after he had already treated of the two kindes, particoloured, and ash-coloured, hee addeth, vir agiro i radmirarer, de dreggiferry Stableunes, during onggenigity, that is, as the interpreter renders it, Wee will now explaine the third and most perfect colour that is called Alba, or white; which hee doth allegorically expound of the Linnen Garment, that was made of the purest fine threed, and vsed to be put vpon the High-Prieft. Now because all this feemed to agree somewhat with the Papists Albe, theman, being not well in his wits tooke those words of the Interpreter, Que Alba nominatur; which is called the pobite colour, as if Philo had spoken it of the Priests garment. But that you might not maruell how Philo should come to talke of a Popish vestment, you shall presently heare, how hee was acquainted with the Miffalians themselues. H 2 For

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For having reckoned vs vp most of the vestments which the Papilts vse in their folemne performance of diuine Rites, To thefe (faies he) Philothe Iew addes a Mitre to declare the Missalians Royall Diadem. In the place which is cited, Philotreateth of the High Priests Mytre among the Iewes: fo that with this fellow the Priests of the Iewes & the Miffalifts are all one: and then, inasmuch as he doth els where euer confound the Miffalians & the Pa gan Prietts together, & brings them both from the same origen, it must necessarily follow according to him, that there is no difference betweene the Priests of Pagans, and the Priests of the Iewes, whom God himselfe ordained.

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Labarum, the name of a Banner, made famous by Constantine, but before Christ's time (as farre as wee can finde by the bookes of ancient Authors yet extant) neuer heard of, hee tells vs, was knowne by that name to the old Romans, yea, and as it were older then Rome it selfe, he fetcheth it from Antenor of Troy.

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I am ashamed of these follies, whereof the Author himselfe is not ashamed: who though hee were some vnlearned Sot, which is as cleereas the light at noone day, yet hee could neuer haue growne to that height of infolent madnes, but that he came so minded to write, as if hee intended not to feeke out the Trueth, but to oppresse his Aduersaries with criminations, true or falle, no matter what. For who was ever so mad to fay, that Numa Pompilius celebrated Masse 700. yeeres before Christ was borne? and yet this Scribler affirmes it almost in every page. And therefore when heespeakes of the Priests which Numa constituted, hee calls them Maße- Pag. 55. Priests; and in his 13. Chap. alleadging the place of Blondus, concerning the maner of the Pagan Rites in their Sacrifices, that which Blondus speakes of the Gentiles, Dis superis sacra facturi, about to facrifice vnto the Gods, this man turnes, who were about to say Masse.

In his 15. Chapter he saith, that Priests Pag. 62. learnd

learnd to fay their Confiteor before Masse of Numa the Magician; for that it was the custome of the beathen Idolaters also, to looke heavily, and confesse themselves before their offering of Sacrifice. In the cultome of Confessing, which otherwise no body, that is in his right minde, can find fault withall, if the Papists have admitted any thing worthy of blame, I am not hee that will excuse it. But if that bee their fault onely, that the Heathens vsed some such matter, what shall be free from reprehenfion, euen in the most pure and vncorrupt Religion? For it is well knowne alfo, that the Priests vnder the old Lawe did first offer Sacrifice for their owne finnes; which I thinke no body will fay the Israelites tooke from the heathen Idolaters. And let but a man now denie this fellow, that whatfocuer matters in Religion are common to vs with the Gentiles, bee in all haste to be cast away, the whole frame of his booke will prefently fall afunder: for this is the onely foundation whereon fo many vnfauory dif-

disputes, so many foolish, vniust, and false accusations doe rest. What the minde of the Fathers in this behalfe was, may be showne by many of their owne testimonies. Quoniam idola colebamus, nunc Deum colere non debemus, ne fimili eum videamur cum Idolis bonore venerari? Becanse we once worshipped Idoles, shall wee not now worship God, lest we should seeme to give him the same honor that Idols bad? faith S. lerome, crying out against Vigilantius. And S. Augustine against Faustus the Maniche; Sicut, non ideò contemnenda vel detestanda virginitas Sanctimonialium, quia & ve-Stales virgines fuerunt, &c. As De are not (faith hec) to despife or deteft the virginity of holy Nunnes because there have beene ve-Rall wirgins also, esc. To that purpole Tertullian de prascr. aduers. baret. doth abundantly demonstrate, that the Gentiles had some things of neere affinitie with the Ceremonies that weevie in the chiefe mysteries of our Religion. And so farre were the old Christians from refusing all the Rites and customes of the

the heathen, that as far as pietie would fuffer them, they did prudently condescend and apply themselves thereunto, the more easily to winne them in matters of greater moment; as by learned men it hath beene obserued, and may be by many examples made good. But this mans owne words are sufficient to confound him, and to convince him also of

manifest impietie.

For he that elfewhere so bitterly condemneth whatfoeuer feemes among the Papists to have any agreement with the customes of the heathen, and for no other reason, but because they be answerable one to the other; yet hee tells vs more then once, that Christ himselfe did choose these Symbols to institute the Sacraments of the new Testament withall, which as well the lewes as the Gentiles were accustomed to rose in their Sacrifices and Ceremonious worship, that so all nations might the more facily admit of these Rites, which were already familiar onto them. As for the Gentiles, whether Christ had any refe-

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rence to their Ceremonies, or no, I will not rashly say: but that hee did so accommodate himselfe to the Iewes, as to institute nothing in Rites and Ceremonies, which was not common and viuall with them before, many learned men haue made it good by most certaine Testimonies of the Talmud, and other writings of the lewes. They therefore that without breach of pietie haue followed Christs example in things indifferent, are they to bee esteemed as impious and profane? or are not they much rather to be so accounted, who the more freely to deride their Aduersaries, spare not Gods owne facred word, nor abstaine from horrible blasphemies? wherein how notorious this Hell-bound hath beene, it will be enough to declare by this one example.

Plal. 43. v. 4. Dauid breakes forth with ioy into these wordes nanes &c. which the Septuagint render after this manner, ion all the vulgar Latine following them, bath

hath translated, Introibo ad altare Dei, ad Deum qui latificat inventutem meam. I will goe onto the Altar of God, even onto the God that is the ioy of my youth. V pon which speech of the Prophet, thus doeth this

wicked Idiot make his descant: Numa the Magician helde opinion, that there was great sanctitie in these wheelings, wreathings and turnings about of the Sacrificer; which, as may be coniectured, was an occasion of ad-

as may be coniectured, was an occasion of adding this pleasant Song to the Missall Introduction, I will goe up (sayth bee) to the Altar of God, which reioyeeth my youth. Hath hee not inst cause to reioyee,

when hee fees the cloth laid, the table set, the banquet prepared, the musicke of Organs and other Instruments to sound, odours and Incenses, the Chalice sull of wine, the Collation

prepared, and chinke offertories ready to fill his purse? Are not all these meanes to exhi-

lerate the Sacrificers youth, when he goes op to the Altar to say Masse, to daunce and turne

about, in forme to him prescribed by the Magician Numa Pompilius? A godly Father

long since complaining of a certaine Ci-

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tie, faid , it austife wini beia reifen dans w treen, i batte at m The imagnuphing parameter and interior of process of interior Which Greg. Naz. fets ber felfe to iest and play with things De- orat.3. de uine, as well as with any other common mat- pace. ter; and rather will shee laugh at such things as be good and bonest, then passe over without laughter such things as be ridiculous. This is the fault of many now adayes, that make themselues sport with iesting vpon sacred Actions, and affect the name of Wittie men in things that are so serious.

I should here have made an end, but that I cannot with a good conscience silently passe ouer that most heinous iniurie which is done heere to the holy Emperours, and ancient Bishops of Rome. For thus this furious man writes. Bishops of Rome, who termed themselnes Christians, for three or foure hundred yeeres after the Incarnation of Christ, did nothing elfe, but labour to corrupt the role of the hely Sacraments, to restore the lewish Ceremonies, and the Idolatries of the ancient beather Romanes. And of S. Gregory hee Pag. 73.74. fayth expresly, that, being instructed in Pythagoricall

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thagoricall Magicke, and bauing studied the Lawes of King Tull. Hostilius, successour to Numa, hee enriched the Masse with new Magicall additions. With what countenance, may it bee thought, with what eyes will those blessed soules (if there be any sense in them) looke downe from heauen vpon this base mushrum, that calls their faith in question, which many of them, as glorious martyrs, have sealed with their blood, and accuse the them of the same impietie, which their most cruell persecutors prosessed?

But for Casaubon, how much hee is abused, to have such abominable dottrellismes of a franticke fellow put vpon him, though I hope there bee sewe but conceive it, yet it will not be amisse for their behoose that know it not, to let it be seene in his owne wordes. Thus therefore he writes in his Exercitations:

Nemo peritus rerum Ecclesia ignorat opera Romanorum Pontisicum per multa sacula.

Deum esse vosum in conservanda sarta testa resta sidei dostrina, soc. No man that is

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Seene in Church story can be ignorant, bow that many ages together God ofed the belpe of the Romane Bishops in preserving whole and found the doctrine of true Religion, esc. In the same place. Ventum est ad Leonem Magnum, de quo Pontifice quam bonorifice sentiamus, ipsi iam ostendimus : Non enim ignoramus, quantus hic fuerit syncera fidei defensor, & pro recta fide quantos labores (ustinuerit, quam Ecclesia Dei votiles, G. Wee are come to Leo the Great; of which Pope how honourably wee conceine, we she wed even now; for I am not ignorant, bow great a defender hee was of the right faith, and how many labours be conderment for the true Religion, bow profitable to the Church of God, csc. And in another place. of S. Gregorie. Fuit Gregorius, non folum cognomine , sed rebus ipfis Magnus & Sanctus, ac vere sui seculi prope iam ferrei, Phanix. Nos quidem ita censemus, & cur ita censeamus, causas parati sumus reddere, &c. Gregory was not onely Great in name, but a Saint, and Great indeed, the true Phonix of his almost yron-growen age. Trueby so wee thinke, and why wee thinke so, wee are ready to give account, &c. Without doubt many more passages might bee brought to the same purpose, if any man will take the paines to turne his bookes. But I hope, these which did now accurre, will bee enough to satisfie the Reader.

Now for the Emperours of Rome, wee are to fay a little of them; because this Author doeth fo confidently auerre them to have ever beene all most deadly enemies vnto Christian Religion, and most stiffe perfisters in the superstitions of their Ancestors. For so in his tenth Chapter hee doeth expressely, and in so many words affirme, that for the space of 400. yeeres, the Romane Church of Emperours and Senators, were alwayes Opposites and Enemies onto the Law of Iesus Christ. But in the next page, that, for the space of 700. yeeres, or thereabouts, after the Incarnation of Christ, there was no Emperour, King nor Prince at Rome, that would embrace the Law of Iefus Christ. Perhaps (faith

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(saith hee) there may be some that will obiect against vs one Philip, which some vaunt mas converted to boly Baptisme, whose depraved manners gave occasion to the most ancient Historiographers to esteeme him onworthy of the name of a Christian. Whereunto they adde Constantine the Great, that assembled the Councell of Nice, but his Refidence was in Greece, called the Empire of the East, and yet bee would never embrace the Character of Baptisine, to be regenerated by the blood of Christ, till he was threescore and fine yeeres olde, when hee was baptized by an Arrian Bishop of Nicomedia, named Eusebius, when the same Constantine was at the point of death. Wherefore Syluciter Bi-(bop of Rome need not vaunt of converting the Emperour to the Faith.

Good God! what a prodigious libertie of lying is here? What fountaines of waters, what seas shall be able to wash away the blacke poison of this most impure Calumniator? What, was not Constantine therefore, nor Iouinian, nor Valentinian, Gratian, not hee, whom so ma-

ny actions, so many glorious praises of the Christians made famous, Theodofius the Great, was not Hee a Christian? But whereas hee denieth Constantine to haue beene a Christian, because hee deferred his baptisme, it is well knowen that the most godly Emperour did that after the manner of his time then in vie. For we finde that many in those ages, who had fincerely taken vpon them the name of Christ, deferred and put off their baptifme a long while; who beleeuing all their former sinnes to be washed away in this facred Lauer, did suppose that time to be the fittest for it, (as Eusebius writes in the life of Constantine lib.4.c.61.) when their life drew neerest to an end; that by this meanes they might goe out of the world with a cleane and pure conscience: against which custome notwithstanding, as being too full of danger and hazard, the Fathers both Greeke and Latine that then flourished, did mainely oppose themselues. But there was a peculiar reason for Constantine befides;

fides; because (as he professeth himselfe in Euseb.) if God had given him a longer life, his defire and purpose was to have beene baptized in Iordan, which Christ himselfe had sanctified with his owne baptisme.

And if he must therefore be thought to be auerse from Christianitie, because he was baptized fo late, what shall wee fay of Valentinian, who having deferd his baptisme farre longer, was ouertaken by suddaine death? whom neuerthelesse S. Ambrose vndoubtedly beleeued to have beene received into heaven when he was dead, much leffe made any question of his liuing or dying a Christian. Let vs heare S. Ambrofe him- S. Ambrof. felfe, how hecomforts the Sifters of this de obith Vadeceased Emperour. Sed audio vos dolere, qued non acceperit Sacramentum Baptismatis. Dicite mihi, quid aliud in nobis est, nisi voluntas? nisi petitio? Atqui etiam dudum hoc votum babuit, vt cum in Italiam venisset, initiaretur, & proxime baptizari se à me velle fignificauit; & ideò pra cateris caufis me accersendu putauit. Non habet ergo gratiam,

gratiam, quam defiderauit? non babet, quam poposcit? Certe quia poposcit, accepit. But I beare how it grieueth you, that be received not the Sacrament of Baptisme. Tell mee, what have we in oc elfe, but our will? what, but our defire? But this defire he had even a long Pobile fince; that after his comming into Italy be might be initiated; and hee signified his. mind, that he would presently upon it be baptized by me; For which cause more then any other, bee thought good to have me fent for. Hath he not therefore that grace which hee defired? not that which be so earnestly prayed for? Certainly because bee did desire it, he did receiue it. And a little after: Qui habuit spiritum tuum, quomodo non accepit gratiam tuam? Aut si quia solenniter non funt celebrata mysteria, boc mouet; ergo neque Martyres, si Catechumeni fuerint, coronentur. Non enim coronatur, si non initiatur. Quod fi suo abluuntur sanguine, & hunc sua pietas abluit & voluntas. He that had thy Spirit, bow bad hee not thy grace also? Or if that be a hinderance, because the Sacrament was not solemnly celebrated, why, then the Martyrs

Martyrs themselves if they were still in the number of the Cate humeni, (Christians instructed, butno yet baptized) shall receive no crowne of their Martyrdome; for hee that is not initiated, is not received meither. But if their owne blood did baptize them, then did his pietie and desire also baptize him.

Now that Constantine was baptized by an Arrian Bishop, howsoeuer this opinion be fauoured by S. Ierome, yet the contrary is maintained by others. The Emperours that succeeded next after Theodosius the Great, whether they were Romane, or Barbarous, though they were many of them infected with the Arrian heresie, yet Christians they were all, and, which is most to the purpose, they were every one farre from any suspicion of Paganisme.

For Symmachus his Relation (which this frantike Zelote falfly calleth his Answere, because hee would not bee brought to cofesse, that even the chiefest men in authoritie and office were faine to beg for their Religion) the matter must bee a

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little more fully thought on, inafmuch as he makes it against strengthening of his cause, to prooue that the Senate and Senators of Rome (for so hee writes) could not any of them bee ever brought to imbrace the faith of Christ. The case was this. Symmachus was fent Ambassadour by the Heathens to Valentinian, to get them their Altar of Victory restored, &c. but could not obtaine it. Therefore the Emperour was a Christian at least. But who were they that defired this? Abfit (faith S. Ambroje, in his first booke against the Relation of Symmachus) out boc Senatus petiffe dicatur ; pauci Gentiles communi viuntur nomine. Nam & ante biennium ferme. cum boc petere tentarent, misit ad me S. Damasus Romana Ecclefia Sacerdos, iudicio Dei electus, Libellum, quem Christiani Senatores dederunt, & quidem innumeri, expostulantes nibil se tale mandasse, non congruere Gentilium buinsmodi petitionibus vos prabere consensum. Questi etiam publice, priuating fe non conventures ad Curiam, fi tale aliquid decerneratur. Dignum est temporibus.

Idemlib.1.cont. Relationem Symmachi. bus vestris, boc est, Christianis temporibus, rot dignitas Christianis Senatoribus abrogetur, quò Gentilibus Senatoribus prophana deferatur voluntatis effectus? Hunc libellum ego fratri Clementia veftra direxi. Vnde constitit non Senatum aliquid de superstitionis impensis mandalse Legatis, e.c. God defend that the Senate should be said to have defired it; a few heathen men vourpe the name of all the rest. For well night wo yeeres fince, when they attempted it, S.Damasus, the Bishop of Rome, elect of God, sent mee abooke, that the Christian Senators, a very great number of them , had given vp, expo-Aulating the matter, how that they had given no fuch thing in charge, and that it was not meete You Should give way to any such petition of the Heathen. And further they complain'd both in publike and prinate, that they would not come at the Senate-bouse, if any such thing were granted, or decreed. Is it fit for Your times , that is , for Christian times, to have the Christian Senators put by their bonour, that the profane Heathen Senators may have their will? This Booke I directed to

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Your Brother', by which it appeareth that the Senate gave no order to those Ambassadours for the vpholding of Super Stitious Paganifme. Let the Reader now judge, whome wee should beleeve of the two, this most holy Prelate, that was an eyewitnesse of those things in his owne time; or this impudent knaue, that hath no knowledge at all in Ecclesiasticall

It remaines now last of all, that as we

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promised at first, wee should say a little of that booke, which my Father vndertooke in the like Argument with this. Wee will dispatch it in his owne words. Quadam breuiter attıgi, quadam paulo oberins tractaui; Dt doctrinam de facro fanctà Eucharistia, de qua dum vestigia Barony premo, Tres scripsi Disputationes; vnam de varys buius Sacramenti apud veteres Appellationibus; alteram de Transul Stantiasione, tertiam de genere Sacrifici Christianorum; conatus primorum saculorum doctrinam, non minus candide & inias, quam accurate exponere. That is, I have touched some

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Calambonto the Reader, in his Exercit, vpon Barenius.

things briefly, and other things I have handled more at large, as the doctrine of the Holy Eucharist; whereof, treading in Baronius his owne steppes , I have wrote Three Treati-Jes; One, of the various appellations of this Sacrament, among the Ancient. Another of Transubstantiation. A third, concerning the nature & kind of the Christians Sacrifice. And I have done my indevour in them to fet forth the doctrine of th primitive times, no lesse accurately then candidely, and without guile or fraud. The first of these you have in his Exercitations already published. Of the rest thus hee writes himselfe. At- Exercit, Pag. que hac de Appellationibus huius divini Sacramenti imprasentiarum satis. Restabat ve ad secundam partem Baronianæ digresionis de Eucharistia, que est de Transub-Stantiatione, accederemus; & que fuit veteris Ecclesia sides super eo articulo accurate expenderemus. Sed cum nostra ad eam partem responho, itemque ad tertiam de facrificio Christianie Ecclesia in molem multò maiorem quam initio putaremus excreuerit: Satius fore visum est, ve illa disputationes [eparatim

separatim ederentur, neque buius operis editionem morarentur. And this shall suffice for the present concerning the Appellations of this Holy Sacrament, It remained that wee should come to the second pare of Baronius his digression about the Eucharist, which is of Transubstantiation; and that wee should diligently examine what the faith of the Ancient Church was concerning that Article. But forasmuch as our answere both to that, and to the Third part about the Sacrifice of the Church , groweth to a far greater bigneffe, then wee thought it would have done at first; I thought good to let those Tractats rather bee published by themselves, then that they should let, or flay the Edition of this worke. But what hee here promifeth being preuented by an vntimely death, he neuer published. And whether he began them enely, or brought them to any perfection, and left them ready for the Preffe,I cannot tell, having neuer had any thing of them come into my hands; but fure I am, that in this Pamplet besides the very name of Cafanbon, there is nothing of them

them at all. None of that candor which he vsed, none of that simplicities none of that accurate diligence is here to bee feene nor any figne of that Method which hee had proposed. Besides that which my Father promifed, he had gathered it all out of the Fathers, and other old Writers; here is no mention of Fathers, no testimonies produced from them, except three or foureat the most, which are brought in by the By at the breezend of the booke. That which we cited even now from his exercitations. he wrote in the yeere of our Lord 1614. The French Edition of this Booke, out of which this English Copie was translated and re-printed, is presended to have been fet foorth (as I remember, for I could get the fight of it but once) in the boarcy veere 1607, at what time Cafaubon lived in Paris, beeing fent for thither by the most Christian King Henry IIII. of France, to bee Professor of Humanitie. Who then defiring leane of his Maighty, modestly to refuse Baronius his Annals,

was denied it. And at that time, that is to fay, in the yeere 1607. was his Booke De Ecclefiastica Libertate vpon publishing; howfocuer his name was suppreffed; and yet that would doe no good, for when there was but a very little part of it printed, the Booke was called in by the Kings authority, and so Calanbon forced to breake off that which he had vndertaken to write. Was it likely therefore that hee durst venture to set foorth fuch a virulent Booke as this, and one that was so vniustly written against the Papists? Or if he had ventured it, could hee have escaped vnpunished? Where were his Aduerfaries at that time, who, after his comming into England, and his first beginning to write about matters of Religion, oppofed themselves against him, in such number, and such bitternesse as they did? I have a Catalogue by me of all the Books which my Father euer published, written with his owne hand, which elfewhere I have fer foorth to the world. How

How came it to passe, that hee should leave out this? But what need wee any more, seeing the Imposture of these deceitfull men is already detected? who had cunningly printed, and prefixed the name of Isaac Casaubon before a French Booke, which was put forth without any name at all, (as in France many are, fpecially if they be Diuinitie Books;) and fo by an artificiall immutation of the Arithmeticall figures for the yeere, put a new face vpon an old moth-eaten Pamphlet; supposing themselues to be safe enough, if they could but any way transferre their imposture vpon others. It concerned after ages, that at no time there should be want of such, as might both. deprehend, and reuenge the fraudulent dealings of these wretch-

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Ir Vadertaker for a falle worke, it were not amisse, (if you be capable of good aduise) that you gave some satisfaction to the world your selfe for this foule injurie, which you have fo rashly done, not onely to Mr. Casaubon, but to the whole Church of England, in republishing a Bookevnder his name, that was fitter for a Turke then a Christian to write; and hereafter that you would take notice of your owne infufficiencie, to spend your Censure vpon fuch matters, as you understand not. What had you to doe, to tell the world, what a Rare and Admirable piece of Diuinitie you had found out, a Booke of fuch abstrufe Learning in it, fo Orthodoxall,

doxall, so Sincere a worker is it for a marchat neuer had his light, to judge of colours? or for you to tell vs, what is Orthodoxall, or what not? Goe, I'le give you better counfell, home againe, and meddle with your Fiddle-strings. Take not vpon you beyond your reach. It is not for fuch as you are, to tell as what Bookes are beneficiall for this Church and Monarchy. And when you looke vpon your Booke againe, let it be through this, that you may perceive and acknowledge jour selfe to have beene a more rafh and ignorant, and M. Cafaubon a more Religious and Learnedman, then you thought on. But about all things, (because you are not capable of many) the next time you reade ouer your Title with his Name on't at the beginning, and your Aliterate verses vpon his Name at the end of your pretended precious worke, Readeon here withall, and reade with shame enough, That this your admired Pamphlet, this your Allobrogicall Dormouse indeed, came stealing

ling out in a corner by owle-light, (no good signe of a Sincere Booke) and was Printed in French Three yeeres before M. Isaac Casaubon was borne. I say no more then what I have seene, and can make good. But it is no marucile you counterfeit other mens names, seeing you have already falsified your owne. So wishing you to be wifer, and more honest hereafter, lest a worse thing happen then you have endured hitherto, I leave you.

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